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'Super typhoon' strikes Philippines (Page 1)

Instructions: Read the article "Super typhoon' strikes Philippines".
Answer questions 1-16.

1. Roughly, how many islands make up the Philippines? Name the two biggest ones.

2. Name two islands that were badly affected by the typhoon?

3. Who is Benigno Aquino?

4. What names were given to the typhoon that struck the Philippines?

5. What are typhoons? What are they called in other parts of the world?

6. What sometimes happens to typhoons that hit the Philippines?

7. What is the typhoon, which struck the Philippines, believed to be?

8. What are storm surges?

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9. What did 700,000 people do when they heard the warning of the approaching typhoon?

10. What is the difference between 'sustained' winds and 'gusts'?

11. List some of the countries that have offered to help.

12. What has the United Nations (UN) done? What will this be used for?

13. Why did some people criticise the president and his government?

14. Where is Tacloban and what happened there?

15. How many categories of typhoons are there? Which are the least and most powerful?

16. Some scientists think that climate change is having an effect on these storms. What do they suspect?

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Temple ruling (Page 4)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Temple ruling'.

Tick either true or false for the following statements.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. The Preah Vihear temple is a ruin.		
2. The International Court of Justice (ICJ) is based in the Netherlands.		
3. Yingluck Shinawatra is the prime minister of Thailand.		
4. The ICJ ruled that the temple was in Laos.		
5. Cambodia has built a road from the nearest town to the temple.		
6. Indochina included Cambodia, Laos and Thailand.		
7. The Preah Vihear temple is a World Heritage Site.		
8. Cambodia used to be called Siam.		
9. The ICJ settles legal arguments among member countries of the UN.		
10. The ICJ ruled that the land around the temple belongs to Cambodia.		

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Price controls in Venezuela (Page 6)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Price controls in Venezuela'.

The answers to the questions are given for 1-8. Write the questions.

1. Q. _____

A. As a 'socialist revolution'.

2. Q. _____

A. 6.3 bolívares.

3. Q. _____

A. Deliberately increasing their prices to make lots of money.

4. Q. _____

A. Around 95%.

5. Q. _____

A. Governments that keep printing more and more banknotes.

6. Q. _____

A. Other countries.

7. Q. _____

A. Because of the high inflation.

8. Q. _____

A. At less than half price.

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Was Arafat poisoned? (Page 15)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Was Arafat poisoned?'.

Draw a line to connect the correct links. The first is done for you.

Palestinian Authority

Peace talks

Yitzhak Rabin

Syria

Yassar Arafat

PA

Ramallah

PLO

Radioactive substance

West Bank

Oslo Accords

Oslo

Golan Heights

Former Israeli prime minister

Norway

Polonium

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Tutankhamun's new tomb (Page 5)

Instructions: Read the article 'Tutankhamun's new tomb' and fill in the spider diagram below with the details.

<p>VALLEY OF THE KINGS</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<p>HOWARD CARTER</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>TUTANKHAMUN</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<p>REPLICA TOMB</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

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Twitter share sale (Page 10)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Twitter share sale'.

Answer questions 1-8.

1. On which stock exchange did the Twitter bosses decide to list their company's shares?

2. Why was Twitter an unusual stock market flotation?

3. What is an IPO?

4. What percentage of the company's shares was sold? Who owns the other shares?

5. Companies sell shares to raise money. What is this money normally used for?

6. How many shares were sold? How much money did the share sale raise?

7. What happened to Twitter's shares on the day of the IPO?

8. What will the company have to do to make money?

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World Map (Page 13)

Instructions: Solve these anagrams. Each answer is a country that appears on the World Map. Each anagram has one extra letter. Together the extra letters form another anagram. The answer is a mystery country. One is already done for you.

1. IDN A I A

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2. N A A J T P

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3. T E I L V M A N

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4. E I G N O P A I S R

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5. D O A I C I B M A

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6. N A U I H D A T L

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7. N A E M H G R Y

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8. A S I A K A P T N

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9. I S N N E O I D N A

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Mystery country =

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Issue 210 Elimination

Instructions: Read issue 210. Now eliminate from the list 13 pairs of words or phrases that go together. You will have one word or phrase left over. That is the answer. One pair is already done for you.

ICJ	Valley of the Kings	Tribal areas
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<i>Listeria</i>	Forbidden City	Mpemba effect
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IPO	Red planet	Michael Bloomberg
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Tanzania	Platypus	Goma
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Thailand	Grave robbers	Siam
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Stock market launch	Venezuela	Food poisoning
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Beijing	Bolívares	Pakistan
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Mars	Monotreme	Ramallah
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The Hague	West Bank	Big Apple
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Odd one out = _____

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Issue 210 multiple choice quiz**Instructions:** Read issue 210 and circle the correct answers for questions 1-10.

1. **The platypus is only found in one country. Which is it?**
 - a. Indonesia
 - b. New Zealand
 - c. Australia
 - d. Papua New Guinea
 - e. Philippines
2. **Roughly, what percentage of an adult human body is water?**
 - a. 20%
 - b. 30%
 - c. 40%
 - d. 50%
 - e. 60%
3. **Who has just been elected as New York City's new mayor?**
 - a. Robert F Wagner
 - b. Ed Koch
 - c. David Dinkins
 - d. Bill de Blasio
 - e. Rudy Giuliani
4. **Which artist painted the picture called *Lady with an Ermine*?**
 - a. Picasso
 - b. Toulouse-Lautrec
 - c. Munch
 - d. Leonardo da Vinci
 - e. Canaletto
5. **iREX is a biannual robotics exhibition. In which city is it held?**
 - a. Beijing
 - b. Tokyo
 - c. Taipei
 - d. Los Angeles
 - e. Berlin
6. **Who wrote *On the Origin of Species*?**
 - a. Alfred Russel Wallace
 - b. Charles Darwin
 - c. Stephen Hawking
 - d. Richard Dawkins
 - e. Michael Faraday
7. **Which of the following was a philosopher in Ancient Greece?**
 - a. Lucilia
 - b. Ciucero
 - c. Pliny
 - d. Aristotle
 - e. Vergil
8. **Which country has the largest economy in the world?**
 - a. Germany
 - b. Japan
 - c. The USA
 - d. China
 - e. Russia
9. **Who discovered Tutankhamun's tomb?**
 - a. Lord Carnarvon
 - b. Howard Carter
 - c. Heinrich Schliemann
 - d. Flinders Petrie
 - e. Robert Koldewey
10. **Which South American country uses bolívares as its currency?**
 - a. Colombia
 - b. Argentina
 - c. Brazil
 - d. Chile
 - e. Venezuela